

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

#### CENTRAL IRON COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Board Members in attendance- Brent Hunter (Board Chair), Paul Monroe (District Manager), Rick Bonzo, John Black, Tim Watson, Paul Cozzens, and Spencer Jones. Keith Williams is excused for prior engagements.

Others in attendance-Justin Wayment (CICWCD Attorney), Kelly Crane, Curtis Neilson (District Engineers Ensign Engineering), Doug Hall (CICWCD Water Conservation Advisory Board), Ashley Langston (Iron County Today), Roice Nelson (citizen/geologist)

Board Meeting July 17, 2014

Brent Hunter called the board meeting to order at 6:34 PM (0:45)

Agenda July 17, 2014

#### 6:30 1. Declaration of abstentions and/or conflicts of interest by Board members

No Abstentions and/or conflicts of interest by the Board

## 2. Consider approval of minutes from the meeting held June 19, 2014.

Tim Watson motioned to approve the minutes from the meeting held June 19, 2014

John Black seconded the motion

Motion passed unanimously at 6:35 PM (1:56)

# 6:35 3. Financial Report

# 1. Consider approval of adjustments and payment of bills from June 14, 2014 through July 11, 2014.

Paul noted that in Chekshani Cliffs we installed an antenna to help with the SCADA communication between Chekshani, the Mine and the office. He went over the charges for print and installation of the new logos, they were designed by our intern Mike Gingell who is now working as our temporary summer help. Paul also discussed the equipment rental for Three Peaks Elementary. Paul explained the Xpress Bill Pay charges and how they are accessed to the district. Rick asked about the invoice



paid to Severn Trent Water Service for a bellow pump on Derby #2, Paul replied that Derby #2 is a different type of chlorination system and it is a higher maintenance, temperamental system, and it did require a new pump. (6:53)

Paul Cozzens motioned to approve the payment of bills and also the transaction register adjustments made June 14 through July 11, 2014.

Spencer Jones seconded the motion

Motion passed unanimously at 6:41pm (7:05)

Tim Watson reminded the board that there were minutes from the work meeting held July 2, 2014 that needed to be approved, it was advised that the minutes were not on the agenda for approval and would need to be added to next month's meeting. (7:25)

# 2. 2014 Budget

Paul highlighted the budget and where it stands at a little over halfway thru the year. He gave the balances of each of our PTIF accounts and also our checking account. Paul stated that we are high on legal fees, this can be expected with all that is going on with the West Desert (9:56)

## 6:40 4. Consider approval of an agreement for Cedar Highlands Spring Five:

Paul put together the points from our last board meeting with Linford into an agreement. He went over the document with Spencer and Justin. It is saved as a draft agreement in google docs. Spencer informed the board members that Linford did contact him and ask the dates and times for the August meeting. Justin reiterated that he told Linford at last month's meeting that he would be at least two months before that was together for him, and Linford said at the time that was fine. (12:25)

## 6:50 5. Consider Approval of amendments to Purchasing Procedures and Lease or

## Disposal of District Property and Water Policy:

Justin has made the changes requested at the last meeting to have suppliers and supplier terms added to the Local Business Preference section. *See page 9 and 10 of the Purchasing Policy*. Tim and Paul C. both wanted explanation on page 10. (16:27) Spencer Jones stated some additional things that might help us track and verify that contractors are using local suppliers wherever possible. Justin said that it would be easy enough to add in to the policy a minimum bid standard, an "except or reject policy", and wording that requires the contractors to verify that they are putting the job supplies out to bid. Main contractor agrees to utilize the local suppliers when reasonably available. Discussion on the Policy continues for several minutes. (26:30)Paul asked if we were going to use District Boundaries or include all of Iron County. The board agrees that they would like to see the policy include all of Iron County. Justin stated that this will build a good working relationship with everyone in the county. (27:10)

Spencer explained that we would be approving the policy as it is written



John Black asked that we contact State Bank to require a limit per purchase. To keep us within the regulations of our purchasing policy. (30:06)

Tim Motioned to approve the policy, with the administrative side handling the list of subcontractors with bids.

Paul Cozzens seconded

Motion passed unanimously at 7:04 PM (30:42)

# 7:00 6. Aquifer Recharge:

Paul has emailed the Guard and is still keeping in contact with them. They are still working through the process. They stated that they are getting closer and have worked through some of the legal issues and are waiting for the approvals. Paul stated that we already have our application that will need to be sent in once the Guard has their approvals. Brent asked if we can move ahead with our Stream Alteration Permit, Paul answered that we can and will. (31:51) Rick stated that the project is on their two year plan. Rick also repeated the importance of being ready when they are. Tim asked for an update from Kelly, on whether or not we have to deal with the Army Corp of Engineers. Paul answered that he spoke with Pat in the St. George office who stated that Coal Creek is not navigable water because the water dead ends, so it doesn't require anything from her office. Tim stated that at one time we were told we would have to deal with them, so if that isn't the case could we get a letter of intent signed by Pat? Kelly said that the letter of intent, if we were to get one, would be from the state. Paul and Kelly both said that they could attempt to get something like that in writing. Spencer requested that if we were able to get something in writing that it should also state "Wild and Scenic water" in addition to unnavigable. (36:20)

#### 7:05 7. Water Conservation:

Paul has visited with Candace who has been working with little kids in our area at a summer camp teaching them about water and different things. New Controllers: Candace has conducted the audits at the parks. The officials from Weathermatic came down last week to help fine tune the controllers. The Cedar City parks are operating great and 3 peaks is a week or so behind. The Audits: 2014 to date there has been 58 individual audits. Iron County Care and Share "Hungry Garden": We have been helping set up a water system for the Hungry Garden. The Garden is set up to help fight hunger in our area and requires clients who use the food to help out in the garden before the harvest. This is the first year of the program and we are glad to be a part of it.

Farmers market: Will start the 23 of this month. Candace has also done multiple trainings and booths at the Lady Bug Nursery the past couple of months ranging from landscape to plants. Summer camp for kids starts on Monday. The demonstration garden is looking great and is a good resource for people to learn about plants. Doug Hall stated that we are still waiting to collect the water usage data for the three locations that we have installed the weather stations. 7:13 PM (39:23)

## 7:15 8. Regional Aquifer Balance Project:



We have all of the results back from the windmills and wells in the North end of the valley from the samples that Paul took. Paul discussed the TDS and Sulfate of the different locations. He is happy about the preliminary results of the main area which starts just west of the waste water treatment plant and go all the way North through Mud Springs and into the other basin that we have been looking at. Paul stated that he and Kelly have been brainstorming on ideas of the best ways to approach future work. Discussion on plans and possible scenarios continues from 7:19 PM (42:34) until 7:27 PM (48:00) Brent urged the board to consider options, and stated that maybe we should opt to spend the money to punch some test wells. Paul C. asked how long we have been providing water to CML. His concern is for what we told the public, that the CML line drawing out of our basin was temporary. (53:00) Brent agrees that we should be looking into moving forward with an area 71 well that would be the supply for the area where the mine is. Paul addressed the board about possibly meeting with (55:23) members of the Cedar City Council to update them on the future plans and direction of the water district. John stated that maybe a small meeting first with the Mayor, himself, and Paul C. would be helpful for them to act as liaison between the water board and their council. (56:07)

**7:20 9. Wah Wah and Pine Valley:** Update and possible Closed Session for litigation Consider approval of Closed Session recommendations from the Board of Directors

Paul stated that we will be coming up to the end of our contract with USGS next year. Paul questioned the board on whether or not we want to renew that contract to continue another study and monitoring of the water in that area? (57:34)Paul also stated that on July 22<sup>nd</sup> we should have our water from the West Desert, as long as there are no appeals. 7:32 PM (58:12)

#### 7:40 10. Subsidence Monitoring:

Nothing New (58:23)

#### 7:45 11. General Managers Report:

Paul stated that the NPR radio station was in our office today. They were able to discuss a lot of issues and even addressed the issues that are being experienced in Washington County. They will be doing a visual documentary on water in Utah. (1:00:00)

## A. Comment from Ashley Langston and update on news article series:

Jack Barnett wasn't able to get her much information until a few days ago. Jack talked with Ashley about a possible series on the water issues in the area. Ashley came up with a rough draft outline of what they have come up with together. She believes that this will cover the basic information. She asked the board members if they have anything to add or any other ideas. She stated that a lot of the reporters in the area seem to be writing in a way that seems to be invoking some negative feelings and opinions from the public. She would like to approach the stories in a way that will educate the public of the importance of the water situation, and let them know it is a serious issue without having the negative feeling involved. Tim referred back to the meeting on July 2<sup>nd</sup> where we had first been informed that Ashley would be writing this paper. Tim asked if Ashley would still be making it a



point to cover what the district is doing to inform and educate the public and highlight those things. (1:06:27) Ashley pointed out where those areas are being addressed.

The board all agrees that this is going to be beneficial and are excited to see the articles. Paul C. asked for clarity that we "the board members" will be reviewing these stories before they are published. (1:08:40) Ashley asked that if there is anything specific that any of the board members want to weigh in on a specific item to please contact her. She asked that she be able to have Paul look at the stories, or another board member look at them and review them before they are published. She wants all of her information to be correct and would really love to hear from anyone with helpful information. (1:10:45) Ashley hopes to only need three or four weeks to put everything together. (1:12:03)

## b. Next meeting date – August 21, 2014

Justin Wayment recommended that we add an additional agenda line for Board Member Comments. Tim Watson wanted to address a few items with the board. He isn't expecting any action.

Tim would like to see if we as a district could go and approach the city councils and mayors for a letter to the State Engineer for his reconsideration on our water right approvals. This way the State Engineer would have an idea of the all the grievances, and all the areas involved, that it is not just zeroed in on the Water District. Spencer stated that it would be a good idea to have each separate entity write their own letter on their own letterhead and then submit them together. Justin recommended that we have the Governor CC'd on all these letters. (1:17:10)

Tim also asked if in a situation where a customer wanted to develop a big portion of our district. Would we consider taking a portion of the required water that doesn't have the correct appropriation date (pre 1955). Kelly gave his recommendations. (1:19:00) John said he would still like to let that potential customer know that it is something that can be brought to the board. Tim asked if this is something that is going to be considered in a case by case situation. (1:23:10)

John Black motioned to adjourn the regular meeting to go into closed session

Rick Bonzo seconded

Motion passed unanimously (1:23:48)

7:55 12. Request Closed Session: For legal and personnel matters

# **Roll Call is follows:**

Tim-Aye

Paul-Aye

John-Aye

Rick-Aye

**Brent-Aye** 

Spencer-Aye



Spencer Jones motioned we file an appeal in court regarding the state engineer's decision issued on water rights #69-101 and #69-115

Spencer Jones amends the motion as stated

Rick Bonzo Seconded the motion

Motion passed unanimously at 8:36PM

8:00 13. Adjourn

Tim Watson motioned to adjourn

Spencer Jones Seconded

Motioned passed unanimously at 8:37 PM